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## **CONSUMER ALERT**

## Consumer Alert: Per Governor's Order, Maryland Registered Vehicles Cannot Be Towed for Expired Registrations

In an effort to control and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency in Maryland on March 5, 2020. This declaration affected the operations of many state agencies, including the Motor Vehicle Administration. On March 12, 2020, Governor Hogan ordered that expired vehicle registrations, and those that would otherwise expire during the State of Emergency, will remain valid until at least 30 days after the emergency has been ended.

This means that if a vehicle displays a registration that has expired, it may NOT be towed solely due to the expired registration.

If your vehicle is towed, or you are being threatened with a tow, solely due to an expired registration, please contact your county's towing board, or you can file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division. Online complaints can be filed through <a href="https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov">www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov</a> by clicking on the red "File a Consumer Complaint" button on the top left of the page.